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**Amendments to the Specification:**

In paragraph [0034]:

Please refer to Fig.3 in conjunction with Fig.2. Figure 3 is another flow chart of a method employed by the timer system 10 shown in Fig.1. A major difference between the flows shown in Figure 2 and Figure 3 is that an additional step 180 is added to the flow shown in Figure 3. It is clear that the flow shown in Fig.2 is merely a tracking mechanism used for tracking a predetermined period of time. That is, when the predetermined period of time has passed, the flow shown in Fig.2 is sure to trigger an acknowledgement. However, in addition to tracking the predetermined period of time, the method according to the present invention also can make use of the tracking mechanism to time the execution of a desired task. For instance, an optical disk drive is required to recognize a disk type (ex. CD-R or CD-RW) of an optical disk within a predetermined period of time when the optical disk is loaded into the optical disk drive. When the optical disk is loaded into the optical disk drive, the flow shown in Fig.3 is started (step 100). Based on the predetermined period of time, the threshold value TH is set accordingly (~~step 120~~ step 110). Please note that detailed operations of these steps 110, 120, 130, 140, 150, and 160 have been clearly described before. As a result, the same lengthy description is not repeated for simplicity.